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Mrs. John C. Irving
28657 O'Henry Court
Inkster, Michigan 48141

Dear Mrs. Irving:

I have read your letter concerning the alleged brutality which occurred in the Racine County Jail. You request that this and another letter be published in The Journal.

I am afraid it is not as simple as that. We are subject to laws of libel and defamation and could be sued if the material we print is not true. I am not casting any doubt upon your veracity but we would be able to have to prove the acts of brutality in order to protect ourselves in court. I am afraid we are not in a position to do this.

If someone were to make a charge of brutality in court, then we could print this because material coming from the courts is priviledged and not subject to libel laws.

Please let me know if there are any developments.

Best wishes,

Dick Leonard

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Editor